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SUBJECT: USG/DOJ ENERGY R&D DISCUSSIONS

SUMMARY: AFTER DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS, FIRST ROUND OF
FUKUDA INITIATIVE DISCUSSIONS ENDED SUCCESSFULLY SEPT. 6
WITH WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO INITIALLY PURSUE COOPERATION IN
BOTH FUSION AND COAL CONVERSION FIELDS. EXPERTS FROM TWO
SIDES ALSO IDENTIFIED MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PROJECTS IN OTHER
FIELDS AS WELL. JAPANESE NOW UNDERSTAND U.S. POSITION THAT
PACE OF FUSION COOPERATION DEPENDS ON THEIR EARLY PARTICIPA-
TION IN SRC-II. JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AND PRESS
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CONFERENCE HELD. TWO SIDES AGREED TO HOLD SECOND MEETING
IN WASHINGTON AT EARLIEST PRACTICAL DATE. END SUMMARY.

1. FIRST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
FUKUDA INITIATIVE TO INCREASE S&T COOPERATION BETWEEN U.S.
AND JAPAN ENDED ON SCHEDULE AT NOON SEPT. 6.

2. NEGOTIATIONS WERE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF NECESSITY OF HOLDING PARALLEL TECHNICAL WORKING SESSIONS AND TRYING TO ACHIEVE BALANCE AMONGST VARIOUS COMPETING PROGRAMS--PARTICULARLY FUSION AND COAL CONVERSION. IT BECAME CLEAR AT BEGINNING OF TALKS THAT JAPANESE SIDE HAD NOT EXPECTED FIRST ROUND TO END WITH CONCLUSIVE, WELL-DEFINED AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND FUNDING FOR THEM. DUE TO MAJOR EFFORTS OF U.S. DELEGATION, GOJ SIDE CHANGED ITS OUTLOOK CONSIDERABLY AND SUBTLY WORDED, CONFIDENTIAL "RECORD OF DISCUSSION" CALLING FOR INITIAL EMPHASIS ON FUSION AND COAL CONVERSION COOPERATION WAS ADOPTED IN FINAL PLENARY SESSION. EXPERTS FROM TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF CARRYING OUT RESEARCH IN OTHER FIELDS AS WELL, I.E. PHOTOSYNTHESIS, GEOTHERMAL AND HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS. THIS INTERIM AGREEMENT, WHILE NOT CONTAINING DETAILS OF LEVELS OF FINANCING OR SPECIFIC PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS, WILL PROVIDE BASIS FOR GOJ TO PROMPTLY SEEK FINANCING THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE, LATTER ALREADY HAVING AGREED TO GENERAL NATURE OF FUNDING AND PROGRAMS PROPOSED. AGREEMENT MEETS U.S. INTERESTS ESSENTIALLY IN FULL, ALTHOUGH FURTHER EXCHANGES WILL BE NECESSARY TO FULLY DEFINE PROJECTS AND FUNDING.

3. TO BRING NEGOTIATIONS TO THIS STAGE IN TWO DAYS REQUIRED THAT CHAIRMEN OF TWO DELEGATIONS HOLD NUMEROUS CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMAL SIDE DISCUSSIONS TO OVERCOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON BALANCE BETWEEN FUSION AND COAL CONVERSION, DEGREE TO WHICH JAPANESE COULD MAKE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS TO ANY PROGRAM AT THIS TIME, WHAT U.S. INTENTIONS WERE CONCERNING REFERENCE TO PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY TO LDC'S, WHETHER SPACE COOPERATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED, ETC. JAPANESE NOW CLEARLY UNDERSTAND U.S. POSITION THAT PACE OF FUSION COOPERATION DEPENDS ON THEIR EARLY PARTICIPATION IN SRC-II. JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WAS LAST EVENT OF MEETING. CHAIRMEN OF TWO DELEGATIONS ANSWERED QUESTIONS IN GENERAL TERMS WITHOUT REVEALING DETAILED NATURE OF AGREEMENT REACHED. IT WAS AGREED THAT SECOND MEETING OF WORKING GROUP WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON AT EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE.

4. JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED IS BEING SENT SEPTTEL. AGREED RECORD OF DISCUSSION BEING TRANSMITTED IN CONFIDENTIAL SEPTTEL. TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS REACHED IN WORKING SUBGROUPS BEING HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY U.S. DEL.

5. THIS MESSAGE CLEARED BY DR. DEUTCH. MANSFIELD

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